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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA
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SUBJECT : General Purpose Forces Study Drafts

1. In accordance with your request for early drafts of ongoing NIO/GPF projects, the following documents are attached:

a. Author's first draft of NIE 11/12-82, Military Reliability of the Soviet Union's Warsaw Pact Allies.

b. Uncoordinated, near final draft IIM on NATO Modernization: The Turkish Armed Forces.

c. Final draft NIE 11-15-82, Soviet Naval Strategy and Programs Through the 1990s (with preliminary Key Judgments).

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2. The Warsaw Pact reliability paper is in a very early state of development and needs much work before it can be circulated in the Community. Principal deficiencies outstanding, in my view, are:

a. Inadequate explanation of how political and economic factors affect military reliability;

b. Lack of clarity between force reliability and effectiveness;

c. Inadequate examination of evidence and explanation of timing of Soviet mechanisms for exercising command and control over NSWP forces;

d. Too much credence lent to the reliability of Hungarian forces;

e. Inadequate discussion of intra-Pact territorial disputes and other centrifugal forces.

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f. Insufficient treatment of WP vulnerability, NATO opportunities, intelligence gaps, and collection guidance. Redrafting is continuing.

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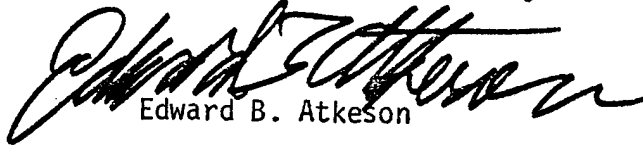
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3. The Turkish paper is a more mature document, and while it has not been fully vetted within the Community, I think the findings can be accepted with a fair degree of confidence. Rework on the coordination draft is about half complete. We expect distribution to reps this month.

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4. More than two-thirds of the naval estimate has completed representative coordination without emergence of major differences. Coordination should be complete week after next, and we expect to have it ready for NFIB by 26 October.


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Attachments:

1. NIE 11/12-82 (DRAFT)
2. Turkish IIM (DRAFT)
3. NIE 11-15-82 (DRAFT)

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